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TRANSMITTAL FOR A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) from PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/04122 filed April 25, 2002 for:

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For: RANGING APPARATUS, RANGING METHOD, AND OPTO-ELECTRIC
CONVERSION CIRCUIT

1. This is a new ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☐ Plant patent application.

2. The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:

78 Pages of Specification including:

0 Title Page

55 Pages of Description

22 Pages of Claims

1 Page of Abstract

13 Sheets of drawings containing 17 Figures

☐ The enclosed drawings are photographs, and there is also attached a
PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)

3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

☒ Enclosed and is executed by all inventors
☐ Not Enclosed.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of
the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

4. Language

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English

Non-English

This application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.01 of the MPEP. Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the verified English translation and the processing fee.

5. Assignment

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An assignment of the invention to Nikon Corporation and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.

An assignment will be filed at a later date.

6. Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.

☒ Priority of the following foreign application is claimed:

| Country | Application No. | Filed |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| Japan | 2001-133762 | May 1, 2001 |
| Japan | 2001-133761 | May 1, 2001 |
| Japan | 2001-133760 | May 1, 2001 |
| Japan | 2001-127551 | April 25, 2001 |
| Japan | 2001-133759 | May 1, 2001 |

Certified copy: ☒ is attached. ☐ will follow.

7. Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

☐ Priority of the following provisional application(s) is claimed:

| Application No. | Filed |
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A. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

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Attached is a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application claims priority of copending provisional application(s) No. _____ filed on _____."

8. Small entity status

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Applicant(s) hereby assert(s) small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | at Rate of | Basic Fee Utility \$770.00 Design \$385.00 |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| | | | BASIC FEE | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c)) | 64 - 20 = | 44 | 18.00 | \$792.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)) | 17 - 3 = | 14 | 86.00 | \$1,204.00 |
| Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d)) | | | 290.00 | \$290.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | \$3,056.00 |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity | | | | |
| SUB-TOTAL = | | | | \$3,056.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee | | | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE = | | | | \$3,096.00 |

10. Fee Payment



Not Enclosed. **NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.**

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$3,096.00 representing the basic filing fee of \$770.00 and \$792.00 for additional claims fee and \$1,204.00 for independent claims fee and \$290.00 for multiple dependent claims fee an assignment recording fee of \$40.00 is enclosed.

11.



Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

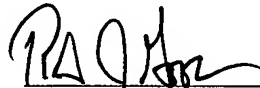
12. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ document included
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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